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In The Matter of Patent Application:

In the Application of: Gino Colonico

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Title

Method and apparatus for removing melt from a melt residue

stagnation zone in an injection molding apparatus

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REPLY TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This is reply to the Office communication mailed January 29, 2008.

In the Office communication, the Examiner has indicated that the application, as amended by Preliminary Amendment filed January 14, 2008, must be restricted to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-12 and 20-40, drawn to an apparatus.
- II. Claims 13-19, drawn to a method.

Applicant hereby elects Invention I to be examined and identifies claims $1\mbox{-}12$ and 20-40 as encompassing the elected invention.

It is submitted that the present communication addresses all of the issues raised in the Office communication mailed January 29, 2008, and examination and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an accompanying fee transmittal form please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. <u>13-2400</u>

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